

REMARKS

The filing receipt received from the Office for the present application lists a filing date for PCT Application No. PCT/US00/06876 as March 15, 2000. The present amendment revises the priority information in the specification to match the filing receipt.

The amendment complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, corrects a clerical error and does not constitute new matter. The amendment is also submitted promptly after the filing receipt, will not unduly interfere with the preparation of a first Office Action and will not require significant time for review or cause an undue burden. Entry of the amendments is therefore proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115.

Applicants thus respectfully request that the amendment to the specification be entered.

The claims are in condition for allowance and an early indication to this effect is respectfully requested.

No fees should be due in connection herewith. However, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, a telephone call to the undersigned Applicants' representative is respectfully solicited to discuss deduction of such fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/4100.001482.

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